

REMARKS

Overview

Claims 1-9 and 19 and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 10-18 were previously withdrawn in the Response to Restriction Requirement mailed on June 30, 2004. The Examiner has objected to claims 19 and 20. Applicant hereby amends claim 19 to address the Examiner's objection. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1-9 is noted with appreciation. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment claims, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections to claims 19 and 20 and pass all claims to allowance.

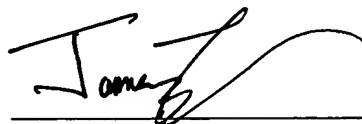
Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant also encloses an Information Disclosure Statement citing references for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant believes the pending claims are patentable over these references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9 and 19-20 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, if the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation could be helpful in expediting prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,



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